

'SUGAR BOWL' IN PERIL OF FLOOD

Louisiana Plantations Are Threatened by Rising Mississippi.

LEVEES ARE BREAKING

Farm Work Abandoned to Repair Big Gaps in Dams.

CREST AT EVANSVILLE

Suffering Is Great in the Flood Stricken Districts of Indiana.

New Orleans, April 5.—Sunday will be no day of rest along the Mississippi River from Fort Jackson, which guards the mouth, to Memphis. Emergency work upon the levees will be rushed everywhere.

The last week has brought the realization that the flood menace is greater than ever before in the history of the delta country. Last year during the greatest flood the section had known the river here almost reached twenty-two feet. That was only for one night, however, and the gauge was not maintained more than three hours. At that height water sloped over the levees at many places.

This year confidence is expressed by Capt. C. O. Sherrill, Federal army engineer in charge of the lower levee district, that the city dikes will hold. Reinforced with concrete and dovetailed piles, the danger of their going out may be avoided.

Situation Critical Above City.

But above the city, where the earthen walls are less high and wide, the possibility of a washout is so great that the situation is critical. A break above would leave only little protection between the city proper and the flood, and these could not hold back the water for more than a day.

As an indication of the alarm felt, the price of sacks used for sand with which to top the levees has advanced nearly 50 per cent. A hundred thousand of these could not hold back the water for even engineers and great quantities have been distributed at points considered weak. At such places as Bayou Sara, Morganza, Beulah and Hymella night rains of thousands are reinforcing the day crews and farm work is at a standstill while planters donate the use of teams and labor.

It is not for the city, however, that New Orleans fears so much as for the great Mississippi cotton section and the Louisiana cane plantation region. The latter district, known as the "Sugar Bowl of America," was hard hit by last year's great crochets at Hymella. Another inundation would create great suffering among the poorer persons and would cripple business throughout the South.

Cairo, Ill., April 5.—Alarming reports have been received concerning sanitary conditions in the flood stricken districts of southern Illinois. State authorities were informed to-day of an outbreak of smallpox at Boaz. A message was received later from Major Logan, U. S. A., now at Louisville, Ky., who had sent an investigator from Paducah, Ky., to Shawneetown, Ill., to inquire into sanitary conditions there. Major Logan says the sanitation there is bad and urges Adm. G. S. Shand and Gov. Dunn to send investigators along the Ohio River shores immediately. Major Jacob Frank of Chicago was ordered to proceed at once and take a supply of vaccine with him. A large quantity of lime has been rushed to the flood district. The flood situation was greatly relieved to-day, although a stage of 54.4 feet was maintained by the Ohio River at Cairo and frequent leaks in the levee kept the troops and citizens on the alert.

Whole Valley Covered.

The break in the levee at Point Pleasant, Mo., seventy miles below Cairo, caused the waters to cover a valley about twenty miles wide and 100 miles long. This greatly relieved the situation here and probably saved the city from a further rise in the flood.

Armed guards were placed to-night all along the Mississippi River levees, from Caruthersville, Mo., to Vicksburg, Miss. Farmers dynamited a twenty foot section of the main line of the Frisco Railroad between Libourne and Kewanee, Mo., early this morning, shortly after a through passenger train from St. Louis to Memphis passed. The water passed through the break and relieved the flood situation.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 5.—The Ohio River was at its crest to-night, six inches higher than it ever has been in this district. From New Albany to Mount Vernon, Ind., along the Indiana border, and from Louisville to Caveville, on the Kentucky side of the river, the yellow waters race along through a score of towns, through homes and factories, into mines and over rich farm lands.

Live on Government Supplies.

The destructive stream is twenty miles wide in places. The damage to property has been going on nearly a week and during that time the thousands of homeless have lived on what little relief the United States Government, local authorities and charity have been able to extend.

While no lives have been lost here so far as known the suffering is great. Relief steamers have found marooned families that were almost starved and have delivered rations to camps where refugees were on the verge of starvation. Thousands of head of stock are starving. In Shawneetown and Rockport many houses have been completely washed away and thousands of others are uninhabitable.

The river is expected to fall steadily beginning tomorrow. Relief will have to be extended to thousands of persons in a dozen towns for a month before the effect of the inundation will have disappeared.

Shawneetown Is Worst Stricken.

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MAGIC NUMBER DEAL SET ASIDE BY COURT

Schoolma'am's Synchronizations

Resulted in a Bad Bargain.

FIRM TOOK ADVANTAGE

Must Give Back Her Money and Cancel \$20,000 Mortgage She Gave.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court expressed its disbelief yesterday in the theory of magical numbers and annulled a transaction in which Miss Veda E. Snyder, a school teacher, was induced to invest \$20,000 of her earnings in a house at 122 West Eighty-fifth street and to give a mortgage for \$20,000 on the property.

Miss Snyder sued the Frank L. Fisher Company, William H. Peckham and Charles W. Mix to set aside her purchase of the property. In one of the findings in the case, approved by the Appellate Division, the court said:

"That in the foregoing transaction the plaintiff was actuated and influenced in part by her reliance and belief in a system of theory or cult to the effect that there are certain one or more numbers or key numbers in respect of her life and undertakings, which numbers are arrived at by consideration of the letters of her given name or otherwise, and that such transactions as might be consummated upon dates or in respect of amounts that should synchronize or harmonize or vibrate in accordance with such numbers or key numbers would more likely have a favorable outcome."

The court found that the defendants "knew of such theory and belief upon the plaintiff's part and, although they had entire disbelief in any such theory or system or cult themselves, they none the less invited and induced the plaintiff to operate in accordance with such theory and they knew that certain of the property offered by them, notably the Eighty-fifth street property, would coincide as to the price asked, and at which it was conveyed to her, and as to its house and street numbers with the numerals to which she attached potency as aforesaid, and they understood that she was to some extent influenced in her selection by such numbers and considerations."

The theory referred to by the court is that under which Mrs. William Cochran, known to the cult as Avo-Neith, of 514 West 144th street, practices. The late Homer Davenport was a believer in the theory, and it was at Mrs. Cochran's home that he died.

Miss Snyder testified in her suit that she was led to buy the Eighty-fifth street house because she was persuaded that the price and number of the house synchronized with her key number and with her name, Veda E. Snyder. She testified in behalf of Miss Snyder that the defendant, Peckham, who engineered the sale to Miss Snyder, was a pupil of hers and that he had made a fortune through her advice.

The Appellate Division found that Miss Snyder first had dealings with the Fisher Company, a real estate concern, in 1909, when she bought a house at 273 West Seventeenth street for \$17,000. The court said that the firm pretended to be acting for a client, but was the actual owner, and sold her the property in the name of the janitress of the house. The firm made a secret profit of \$1,000. Miss Snyder sold this property later through the firm, and was then induced to take the Eighty-fifth street house for \$28,000, the price of which was fixed in accordance with Miss Snyder's belief in the cult's theory of numbers.

Under the court's decision the defendants must take back the property, cancel the \$20,000 mortgage and return the \$28,000 cash to Miss Snyder.

MRS. EATON'S DEFENCE SETTLED.

Her Counsel Will Not Dispute Its Character.

Boston, April 5.—The line of defence in the case of Mrs. Jennie May Eaton, charged with the murder of her husband, Rear Admiral Eaton, has been decided upon by her attorneys, Morse & Geagan. The lawyers will confer on Monday to discuss the matter of attacking the indictment. They have thirty days in which to file objections to it.

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12 x 8.3	115.00	65.00	12.9 x 10	158.00	97.50
12.5 x 8.7	135.00	65.00	13 x 10	175.00	97.50
12.2 x 8.8	130.00	65.00	13.3 x 10.1	195.00	97.50
12.2 x 9	110.00	65.00	13.3 x 10.5	195.00	97.50
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COLLEGE EDITORS IN SESSION.

Thirteen Papers Represented in Convention at Columbia.

Thirteen Eastern college newspapers were represented in a conference at Columbia school of journalism, welcomed the visitors at a luncheon in the university commons and later showed them the equipment of the school.

News and service methods, competition, editorial boards and administrative organization were some of the subjects discussed in the convention. Among those who spoke were L. H. Groser of the Cornell Daily Sun, H. Gilchrist of the Williams Record, H. A. Laughlin of the Daily Princetonian, R. C. Welling of the Yale Daily News and J. K. Lasher of the Columbia Spectator.

Last night the college editors dined at the Kalscherhof, where they listened to talks by Don C. Setz of the New York World, George Barry Mallon, formerly of the Sun, Robert A. MacAlarney, at one time

city editor of the Evening Post and now professor of journalism at Columbia, and Dr. Williams.

The papers represented were the Cornell Daily Sun, the Columbia Spectator, the Union Democrat, the Hobart Herald, the Harvard Crimson, the Amherst Student, the Pennsylvania Daily Princetonian, the Williams Record, the Brown Herald, the Harvard Weekly, the Lafayette and the Yale Daily News.

CAVALIERI SAYS WE'RE JAYS.

Sails Away Promising to Return to the Village Next Season.

Mme. Lina Cavallieri, who sailed yesterday on the White Star liner Oceanic for Cherbourg, said she looked upon New York under the present administration as a village rather than a city.

A city, she said, is a place to live freely without trespassing on the rights of others. Instead of a city New York, that is, Manhattan, was really an overgrown Puritan village.

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Methodist Heads Office at Woodlawn Church Service.

A hundred members of the New York Methodist Conference went to Woodlawn yesterday and took part in the laying of the cornerstone of the new Woodlawn Methodist Church, 21st street and Madison avenue.

Bishop Wilson laid the stone and made the address. He was assisted by the

Rev. Dr. George C. Peck, head of the Methodist Extension Society, and the visiting pastor, the Rev. Dr. G. C. Trevor, who becomes head of a seminary for girls located at Carmel, N. Y.

The new church is to be of stone, with a very large Norman tower in which is to be a belfry for social work. It will cost \$25,000.

To-day in the Temple Bishop Wilson will preach at 11 o'clock and this afternoon ordination services will be held for young clerics.